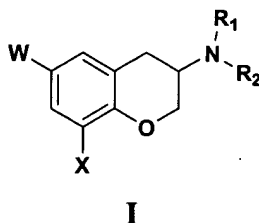


1. (Previously presented) A compound of formula (I):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

W is halogen, cyano, alkyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic, aryl, or heteroaryl;

R¹ is alkyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl;

R² is SO₂R³, SO₂NR⁴R⁵, C(=O)NR⁶R⁷, or C(=O)R⁸;

X is NR⁹R¹⁰ or CR¹¹R¹²R¹³;

R³ is alkyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic, aryl or heteroaryl;

R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹⁴ are each, independently, hydrogen, alkyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic, acyl, aryl, heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl, wherein optionally R⁴ and R⁵ together, R⁶ and R⁷ together, or R⁹ and R¹⁰ together form a heterocycle incorporating the nitrogen atom;

R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³ are independently, hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic, aryl, heteroaryl or OR¹⁴, wherein R¹¹ and R¹² together optionally form a cycloalkyl attached in a spiro fashion, or a heterocycloalkyl attached in a spiro fashion, or a carbonyl group (C=O).

2. (Original) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein W is CN and R¹ is arylalkyl or heteroaryl.

3. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ is a benzyl or thiophenyl.

4. (Original) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein X is -NR⁹R¹⁰ and R⁹ is H, alkyl, aralkyl or acyl and R¹⁰ is heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl.

5. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 wherein R⁹ is H, methyl, benzyl or -C(O)Me.

6. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 wherein R^{10} is imidazolyl.
7. (Original) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein $X = CR^{11}CR^{12}R^{13}$ and $R^{11} = H$ or OH ; $R^{12} = -OH, -OMe, =O$, or substituted phenyl; and $R^{13} =$ substituted imidazolyl.
8. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Original) A compound according to Claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:
N-Benzyl-N-[6-cyano-8-(3H-imidazol-4-ylamino)-chroman-3-yl]-methanesulfonamide;
N-[3-(Benzyl methanesulfonylamino)-6-cyanochroman-8-yl]-N-(3H-imidazol-4-yl)acetamide;
N-Benzyl-N-{6-cyano-8-[(3H-imidazol-4-yl)-methyl-amino]-chroman-3-yl}-methanesulfonamide;
N-Benzyl-N-{8-[benzyl-(3H-imidazol-4-yl)-amino]-6-cyano-chroman-3-yl}-methanesulfonamide;
N-Benzyl-N-{6-cyano-8-[hydroxy-(3-methyl-3H-imidazol-4-yl)-methyl]-chroman-3-yl}-methanesulfonamide;
N-Benzyl-N-{6-cyano-8-[methoxy-(3-methyl-3H-imidazol-4-yl)-methyl]-chroman-3-yl}-methanesulfonamide;
N-Benzyl-N-[6-cyano-8-(3-methyl-3H-imidazole-4-carbonyl)-chroman-3-yl]-methanesulfonamide;
N-Benzyl-N-{8-[(4-chloro-phenyl)-hydroxy-(3-methyl-3H-imidazol-4-yl)-methyl]-6-cyano-chroman-3-yl}-methanesulfonamide;
N-Benzyl-N-{6-cyano-8-[methyl-(3-methyl-3H-imidazol-4-ylmethyl)-amino]-chroman-3-yl}-methanesulfonamide;
N-Benzyl-N-{6-cyano-8-[methyl-(3-methyl-3H-imidazol-4-ylmethyl)-amino]-chroman-3-yl}-methanesulfonamide;
N-{6-Cyano-8-[(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-amino]-chroman-3-yl}-N-thiophen-3-ylmethyl-methanesulfonamide;
N-[6-Cyano-8-(methyl-pyridin-4-ylmethyl-amino)-chroman-3-yl]-N-thiophen-3-ylmethyl-methanesulfonamide;

N-{6-Cyano-8-[(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-amino]-chroman-3-yl}-N-thiophen-3-ylmethyl-methanesulfonamide;

N-[6-Cyano-8-(methyl-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-amino)-chroman-3-yl]-N-thiophen-3-ylmethyl-methanesulfonamide; and

N-{6-Cyano-8-[(3H-imidazol-4-ylmethyl)-amino]-chroman-3-yl}-N-thiophen-3-ylmethyl-methanesulfonamide;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. to 14. (Cancelled)